

REMARKS

Claims 23-58 are pending in the present application. With entry of this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 23, 27, 28, 41, 45 and 46 and cancels claims 26 and 44 without prejudice. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The Examiner previously rejected the claims in an Office Action dated September 20, 2006. Applicant responded by filing an Amendment on March 20, 2007 cancelling original claims 1-22 and adding new claims 23-58. In the present Office Action, the Examiner considers the new claims 23-58 to be a different sub-combination from original claims 1-22. Because the Applicant received an Office Action with respect to claims 1-22, *i.e.*, the September 20 Office Action, the Examiner withdrew claims 23-58 and indicated that the Applicant's previous response was not responsive to the September 20 Office Action.

Applicant notes with appreciation the courtesy of the Examiner and her supervisor during the telephone interview on July 5, 2007. As discussed during the interview with the undersigned, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's analysis that claims 1-22 and claims 23-58 are directed to different subcombinations. In the interest of expediting prosecution and as discussed during the interview, Applicant hereby amends claims 23 to include the recitations of claim 26 and cancels claim 26. Applicant similarly amends claim 41 to include the recitations of claim 44 and cancels claim 44. Applicant hereby amends claims 27, 28, 45 and 46 in view of the cancellation of claims 26 and 44. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application, including with respect to claims 23 and 41 as originally drafted.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles

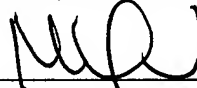
telephone number (213) 892-5630 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. 529742000100.

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